

Reserve to Culpeper, as well as the Culpeper Memorial Hospital. Today, at the entrance of the Emergency Room of the Hospital, hangs a large bronze plaque, depicting Mr. Miller's likeness, which reads "Giles H. Miller, Jr., Ambulatory Service Center, In Recognition of Outstanding Leadership and Support of Culpeper Memorial Hospital."

Mr. Miller has received numerous awards, including, but certainly not limited to, Outstanding Citizen of the Year in Culpeper, was honored by resolution of the Virginia General Assembly for his service to VMI, Culpeper and the Commonwealth of Virginia, was presented a certificate as a member of the Culpeper School Board Selection Committee, received the Culpeper Colonel Award from the Board of Supervisors, was honored with a Certificate of Appreciation from Keep Virginia Beautiful, having served as its president, and received the Good Scout Award from the Boy Scouts of America.

Mr. Speaker, these few paragraphs do not begin to relate the accomplishments of this outstanding gentleman, known affectionately as Mr. VMI and Mr. Culpeper. He has been a friend to so many, has supported numerous causes and inspired others his entire life. On the occasion of his 99th birthday, I hope you will join me in recognizing Mr. Miller's positive influence and many contributions to the community of Culpeper, the Seventh District of Virginia and the Commonwealth of Virginia.

#### STOP HATE

#### HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 22, 2002*

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. once said, "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere. We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly." Dr. King was referring to the struggles of African Americans to achieve basic civil rights and equality of opportunity in the civil rights movement of the 1960's and this same sentiment is applicable today. I come to the floor of the House of Representatives today in support of H. Res. 393. Concerning the rise in anti-Semitism in Europe because I believe it is time for us to speak out against this rise to expose and combat it.

The rise of anti-Semitic sentiment in Europe over the last 18 months is abominable, and detestable. The attacks on Jewish people and Jewish institutions are upsetting and should be the source of great concern by us all.

Anti-Semitism is just a fancy name for stupidity and ignorance. It is imperative that a goal of the governments in Europe be to eradicate sentiments and expressions of hate against any culture anywhere in their nations.

I stand in support of this bill, H. Res. 393, to express my belief that if we don't stop the spread of anti-Semitism in Europe we as Americans are as accountable as the arsonists who burned down the Or Aviv synagogue in Marseilles, France on March 31, 2002.

Individuals who harbored feelings of hate toward Americans and our way of life attacked

the United States of America. That attack, September 11th, has permanently scarred us as a country. I believe that there is a direct correlation between anti-Semitism and terrorism.

It is therefore our duty, as Americans not to stand silent while our brethren across the pond allow for the spread of this form of terrorism.

To quote the great Dr. King again "Nothing in the world is more dangerous than sincere ignorance and conscientious stupidity." It is therefore our responsibility to pressure the European of governments to root out anti-Semitism. I agree with my colleague, Congressman JOSEPH CROWLEY; who authored the resolution "the governments of Europe should make a concentrated effort to cultivate an atmosphere of cooperation and reconciliation among the Jewish and non-Jewish residents of Europe".

If we do not stop the spread of anti-Semitism in the streets of Germany, in the stadiums of Italy, in the Cafe in France, then what stops this hate from arriving here in the institutions of the United States of America?

#### THE MONTGOMERY GI BILL ENHANCEMENT ACT

#### HON. DAVE CAMP

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 22, 2002*

Mr. CAMP. Mr. Speaker, I was recently contacted by one of my constituents who has dedicated his life to defending our Nation. His honorable service covers 19 plus years in the Air Force but he is denied the opportunity to participate in the Montgomery GI bill. Today, I am introducing the Montgomery GI Enhancement Act of 2002 to correct the unfair restrictions that are preventing some of our career servicemembers from using educational opportunities that they deserve.

Education assistance has been a cornerstone of military benefits for over 50 years. Congress recognized that military service often prevented young people from attending school and attaining higher levels of education. In 1944, Congress passed the original education bill for servicemembers, the Servicemen's Readjustment Act. This World War II era legislation provided billion of dollars in education and training incentives for veterans and active duty personnel. The Nation has reaped many times that amount in return investment from a well-trained workforce and a more productive society.

Building on the success of the original GI bill, Congress has passed several other pieces of legislation expending veterans' educational benefits. The Veterans' Educational Assistance Program, VEAP, was enacted in 1976 as a recruitment and retention tool for the post-Vietnam era. This was the first program requiring payment contributions from military personnel while they were on active duty and was available to people who entered active duty between December 31, 1976, and July 1, 1985.

In 1984, Congress passed the All Volunteer Force Educational Assistance Program; more commonly call the Montgomery GI Bill, MGIB. This expanded program provided better benefits that offered under VEAP and last year Congress passed legislation to boost MGIB by

a record 46 percent over 2 years. With the enactment of this legislation, an estimated 409,000 veterans and servicemembers will receive assistance under MGIB for education and training in 2003.

In 1996, Congress passed Public Law 104-275, allowing VEAP participants to transfer their education accounts to MGIB and 41,041 veterans and servicepersons took advantage of the opportunity. The opportunity to convert to MGIB is very important because the benefits available are much greater. Unfortunately, those individuals who were on active duty before 1985 and did not participate in VEAP were not eligible to sign-up for MGIB, leaving a gap in available coverage for certain career military personnel. Congress has voted several times in the last decade to allow VEAP participants opportunities to transfer to MGIB, but there has not been an opportunity for those who did not have VEAP accounts to sign up for the new program, excluding them from taking advantage of great educational benefits.

This unjust situation can easily be remedied. My legislation provides a one-year open enrollment period for individuals falling into this gap to attain the benefits that they deserve. This is a matter of equity. We cannot neglect our career military personnel; they have served bravely and honorably for decades and their experiences are crucial to the security of our Nation. Now is the opportunity to ensure that they are provided for and have the same benefits that are available to other members of the Armed Forces.

#### COMMENDING JUANITA JOHNSON- CLARK

#### HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 22, 2002*

Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Speaker, I want to commend Juanita Johnson-Clark as she retires after 25 years of public service in Camden County. While I must be in Washington, DC during a ceremony in her honor, I want to recognize her achievement here in the House of Representatives.

Juanita Johnson-Clark's had work at the Camden County Department of Health and Human Services has benefited scores of people in South Jersey. I especially comment her important work to help people with substance abuse problems. I wish her continued success with whatever she chooses to pursue during this new phase of her life.

#### HONORING DR. BRUCE TAUCHER

#### HON. ELLEN O. TAUSCHER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 22, 2002*

Mrs. TAUSCHER. Mr. Speaker, as we mark the end of Dr. C. Bruce Tarter's tenure as the Director of Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, I would like to take this opportunity to celebrate his career and honor his accomplishments. During his more than 30 years with Livermore Laboratory he has served in capacities that truly span the broadest possible range, beginning with a summer internship as a graduate student, and culminating